NATIONAL EDUCATION (IRELAND) (RESULTS FEES).

RETURN to an Order of the Honourable The House of Commons, dated 11 July 1877;—*for*,

COPIES "of the UNDER SECRETARY'S LETTER to the COMMISSIONERS of NATIONAL EDUCATION of the 27th day of April 1877, requesting Information as to the Operation of the Provisional Arrangement for the Financial Year ended the 31st day of March 1877, sanctioning Payment of RESULTS FEES under certain Conditions to TEACHERS in NON-CONTRIBUTORY UNIONS:"

"And, of the REPLY of the COMMISSIONERS, dated the 28th day of April 1877:"

"EXTRACT of TREASURY LETTER of the 18th day of May 1877, to the CHIEF SECRETARY, relating to the Continuance of said Provisional Arrangement during the Financial Year ending the 31st day of March 1878:"

"EXTRACT of REPLY thereto of the CHIEF SECRETARY, dated the 19th day of June 1877."

— No. 1. —

Mr. *T. H. Burke* to the Commissioners of National Education.

Gentlemen, 27 April 1877.

I AM directed by the Lord Lieutenant to request that you will draw the attention of the Commissioners of National Education in Ireland to the Chief Secretary's letter of the 16th September last, in which he stated that the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury had agreed that the payment of results fees, allowable to the teachers of National Schools in Ireland under 38 & 39 Vict. c. 96, should not for the year 1876–77 be confined to schools situated in the contributory unions thereby constituted, but should be extended to the teachers of all National Schools in Ireland wherein local contributions from whatever source are raised to an amount equalling,—

(*a.*) At least, 3*s.* 4*d.* per child per annum of the average annual number of children in attendance at the school, and also equalling,—

(*b.*) At least, half of the amount of the fees which might have been granted under the Act to the teacher of the same school had it been situated within a contributory union.

His Grace now directs me to request you to move the Commissioners of National Education to cause him to be furnished with information as to the operation of this provisional arrangement for the financial year ended 31st March 1877.

His Grace would, at the same time, be glad to be furnished with the statistics of attendance, and of the school-fees and local subscriptions, in regard to the National Schools generally, for the year 1876–77.

It would be convenient if the Commissioners would be good enough to arrange

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arrange the information his Grace desires to obtain under the following heads:—

1.—Number of schools in non-contributory unions.

2.—Number of schools in non-contributory unions in which the conditions were fulfilled to entitle the teachers to contingent results fees.

3.—Amount of contingent results fees paid in these cases.

4.—Amount of school-pence and local subscriptions raised in these cases.

5.—Number of schools in non-contributory unions which failed to fulfil the conditions.

6.—Loss in contingent results fees which the teachers of these schools sustained.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

	1875.	1876.	Increase, if any.
7.—Number on the rolls - - - -			
8.—Number in average attendance - -			
9.—(*a.*) School-pence - - - - -			
(*b.*) Subscriptions and donations - -			
(*c.*) Contributory rates - - - -			
10.—Total of local aid - - - - -			

I am, &c.

The Commissioners of National Education in Ireland.

(signed) *T. H. Burke.*

— No. 2. —

The Secretary to the Commissioners of National Education to the Under Secretary, Dublin Castle.

Office of National Education, Dublin,
28 April 1877.

Sir,

17,323/76. I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th instant, in which you desire, for the information of his Grace the Lord Lieutenant, to be furnished with information as to the operation of the provisional arrangement for payment of contingent results fees in non-contributory unions, and also to be furnished with the statistics of attendances and of school-fees and local subscriptions with regard to the National Schools generally for 1876-77.

In reply, I am directed to furnish the information which his Grace desires, and in the form suggested in your letter of the 27th instant:—

1. Number of schools in non-contributory unions - - - - - -	3,272
2. Number of schools in non-contributory unions in which the conditions were fulfilled to entitle the teachers to contingent results fees - -	2,698
3. Amount of contingent results fees paid in these cases - - -	£. 22,357 13 8
4. Amount of school-pence and local subscriptions raised in these cases -	£. 40,650 8 2
5. Number of schools in non-contributory unions which failed to fulfil the conditions - - - - - - - - - - - -	549
6. Loss in contingent results fees which the teachers of these schools sustained - - - - - - - - - - - -	£. 8,040 19 2

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GENERAL STATISTICS.

——	1875.	1876.	Increase, if any.
7. Number on the rolls - - - -	1,011,799	1,032,215	20,416
8. Number in average attendance - - -	389,001	416,586	26,626
	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
9. (a) School-pence - - - - -	60,711 7 2	78,434 15 11	17,728 8 9
(b) Subscriptions and donations - -	24,148 17 7	29,250 16 0	5,101 18 11
(c) Contributory rates - - - -	27,918 6 10	80,499 19 6	2,581 12 8
10. Total of local aid - - - - -	112,778 11 7	138,185 11 11	25,407 - 4

I am, &c.

The Under Secretary,
Dublin Castle.

(signed) *John E. Sheridan*, Secretary.

P.S.—I am directed to add, for the information of his Grace, a statement of the amount of fees and subscriptions, in 1875 and 1876 respectively, arranged under the heads "Contributory" and "Non-contributory" Unions:—

CONTRIBUTORY UNIONS.

YEAR.	Number of Schools* from which Returns have been received.	School Fees.	Subscriptions.	TOTAL.
		£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
1875 - - -	3,478	31,831 4 10	14,223 10 1	46,054 14 11
1876 - - -	8,512	35,296 18 5	15,145 7 8	51,442 6 2
Increase for 1875 - - - £.		4,405 18 8	921 17 7	5,387 11 3

NON-CONTRIBUTORY UNIONS.

1875 - - -	3,100	23,978 7 9	7,582 19 9	31,501 7 5
1876 - - -	3,161	34,984 9 10	12,480 13 10	47,471 3 8
Increase for 1875 - - - £.		11,006 2 1	4,903 14 1	15,969 16 2

* This includes only those schools eligible for results payments.

— No. 3. —

(Extract.)

(8079—77.)

Mr. *R. R. W. Lingen* to the Chief Secretary for Ireland.

Treasury Chambers, 18 May 1877.

THE Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury have had before them your letter of the 7th instant, forwarding a copy of a letter, dated 27th ultimo, addressed, by direction of his Grace the Lord Lieutenant, to the Commissioners of National Education in Ireland, and of their reply, relative to the operation of the

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the provisional arrangement, sanctioned by this Board for the year 1876–77, for payment of contingent results fees in non-contributory unions, and requesting my Lords to authorise the issue for 1877–78 of the regulations already sanctioned for the previous year.

I am to state, with reference thereto, that my Lords observe that no notice appears to be taken in the Estimates of this year for National Education (Ireland), of the modification allowed by the letters from this Board of 12th September and 11th November 1876, in the terms on which teachers might participate in the sum voted by Parliament for Contingent Results Fees.

The Estimate for National Education, Sub-head E. (p. 337), specifies only contributions by poor law guardians as the condition on which depends the second sum of 60,000 *l.*, taken for "Payments on Results."

My Lords are of opinion that express notice of the modification made by the above letters should be given to Parliament when a further vote is taken. They authorise the continuance of those payments for the period between the 31st of March last and the date at which such notice shall have been given, and the vote renewed after it.

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The Chief Secretary for Ireland. (signed) *R. R. W. Lingen.*

— No. 4. —

(Extract.)

The Chief Secretary for Ireland to the Secretary to the Treasury.

19 June 1877.

With reference to your letter of the 18th ultimo, conveying the authority of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury for the continuance of the payment of contingent results fees to national school teachers in Ireland, whose schools are situated in non-contributory unions, for the period between the 31st March last and the date at which express notice of the modification made by their Lordships shall have been given to Parliament and the vote renewed after it, I am directed by the Lords Justices to acquaint you, for the information of their Lordships, that the Commissioners of National Education have intimated to their Excellencies that they are prepared to act upon the authority given by their Lordships.

As regards their Lordships' observations that no notice appears to have been taken in the Estimate of National Education for this year of the modifications above referred to, I am to state that in the preparation of that Estimate the Commissioners had no authority to anticipate any other form of expenditure of contingent results fees than that sanctioned by the Act 38 & 39 Vict. cap. 96. The Commissioners observe that they had to provide for the contingency of all the unions becoming contributory, and accordingly a sum of 60,000 *l.*, to meet the realisation of such a contingency, was inserted in the Estimate, and that the renewal of the provisional arrangement will not cause any excess upon it.

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The Secretary, Treasury. (signed) *M. E. Hicks Beach.*

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(*Sir Michael Hicks Beach*.)

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